Sub:Perception Survey on Integrity risks and opportunities in REDD+ process in Bangladesh

Dear Mr./Ms.

As you are aware, forest resources in Bangladesh are closely linked with the lives and livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable people in the country. While the country has made good achievements in terms of social forestry, the natural forest ecosystems have been struggling for its survival as these have been subject to continuous deforestation, degradation and illegal encroachments due to population pressure, poverty and weak regulatory mechanism and practices. Now, as one of the most climate vulnerable countries in the world, climate change is further threatening the conditions and is posing another layer of vulnerability to forest management in Bangladesh.

To combat these challenges, REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation, conserving and enhancing forest carbon stocks, and sustainable managing of forests) is a new mechanism, emerged out of climate change negotiation in the COP (Conference of the Parties), that creates opportunity for sustainable forest management by providing access to forest carbon benefits at the local level through a multi-stakeholder participatory process.

I take this opportunity to apprise you that Bangladesh joined the UN-REDD Programme in August 2010 which led the country to begin the REDD readiness process in our country with coordinated support and engagement of UNDP, FAO and UNEP. In June 2013 Bangladesh was invited by the UN-REDD Programme Policy Board to submit a national UN-REDD Programme. Complementing these efforts, UNDP for the UN-REDD Programme is supporting a study on integrity risks and opportunities in REDD+ in Bangladesh, starting with an online survey to gather stakeholders’ perceptions as well as to design a concrete set of actions in order to face challenges in an effective manner.

As a valued member of this stakeholder group, we would deeply appreciate your time, inputs and contribution to fill up the online survey form at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MW83PW8>

Please be assured that strict confidentiality will be maintained while processing and analyzing survey data and only aggregate results will be released respecting your anonymous participation in the survey.

Please feel free to contact me (tel: 01917094320) should you require further information or clarification.

Best regards,

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